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SUBJ: MEDVEDYEV MANUSCRIPT ON SOVIET SOCIETY

1. EMBASSY HAS POUCHED TO EUR/SOV COPY OF 6,000 WORD MAUSCRIPT BY ROY MEDVEDYEV ON PROBLEMS OF DEMOCRACY IN SOVIET SOCIETY. MANUSCRIPT WAS PASSED TO US BY RESIDENT AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT WHO INDICATED THAT STORIES ON MANUSCRIPT EMBARGOED UNTIL NOVEMBER 8.

2. IN MANUSCRIPT, MEDVEDYEV DESCRIBED PROCESS OF INTERNAL BELT TIGHTENING AT TIME WHEN THERE RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION. HE NOTES THAT PRESSURES AGAINST INDEPENDENT THINKER HAVE BECOME SO INTENSE THAT IS HAS LED SOME (READ SAKHAROV AND SOLZHENITSYN) TO TAKE EXTREME POSITIONS AND TO MAKE UNCONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS. HE ARGUES THAT THESE ACTIVITES HAVE ONLY STRENGTHENED HANDS OF INTERNAL IDEOLOGUES AND HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY LED TO INCREASED PRESSURES AGAINST DISSIDENTS.

3. ARGUING AGAINST POSITION ADVANCED BY SAKHAROV, MEDVEDYEV CALLS UPON WORLD LEADERS TO WORK FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS. HE ENDORSES STATEMENT OF WEST GERMAN PREMIER BRANDT TO EFFECT THAT HE WOULD PURSUE DETENTE WITH THE USSR EVEN IF THESE WERE
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THE DAYS OF STALIN. CONCLUDING, MEDVEDYEV OPTIMISTI-

CALLY STRESSES THAT IN LONG RUN, RELAXATION OF
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